Development of Towns in Karnataka

*474. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA; Will the Minister of. URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Karnataka had recently urged the Central Government to include new towns during the current plan period under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme for Integrated Development of Small and Medium towns;

(b) whether the Government of Karnataka havve sent the project report to the Central Government in this regard; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Against an allocation of seven towns for Karnataka during the 7th Plan, the State Government sent project reports in respect of 13 towns. Out of them, seven towns, viz. Ramanagaram, Chickballapur, Sirsi, Kollegal, Harihar, Sindhanur and Gokak have already been approved for being covered by the I.D.S.M.T. in accordance with the priority indicate by the State Government.

राष्ट्रीय तिलहन विकास योजना का कार्यान्वित किया जाना

*475. श्री सुरेश पचौरी : क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या विभिन्न राज्य सरकारें केन्द्रीय सरकार की सहायता से राष्ट्रीय तिलहन विकास योजना को कार्यान्वित कर रही हैं ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो ऐसे राज्यों को समय पर बीजों की वांछित किस्में उपलब्ध कराने की सुनिश्चित करने के लिए सरकार ने क्या उपाय किए हैं; और

(ग) क्या मध्य प्रदेश में तिलहन-बीज की अनुपलब्धता के कारण वर्ष 1987 में तिलहनों के उत्पादन में कमी होने की संभावना है ?

कृषि मंत्री (श्री जी० एस० ढिल्लों) : (क) जी, हां।

(ख) राष्ट्रीय तिलहन विकास परियोजना की क्रियान्वयन एजेंसियां राज्य सरकारें हैं । संबंधित राज्य अपनी राज्य एजेंसियों के माध्यम से किसानों को बीज सहित विभिन्न आदानों की ठीक समय पर आपूर्ति की सभी व्यवस्था करते हैं।

(ग) जी, नहीं। तथापि, मध्य प्रदेश सहित तिलहन का उत्पादन करने वाले अधिकांश राज्यों में अत्यधिक सूखे की स्थिति की प्रबलता के कारण खरीफ तिलहन के उत्पादन को धक्का लगने की संभावना है ।

Drinking Water Shortage in Malwa Plateau of Madhya Pradesh

*476, SHRI AJIT P.K. JOGI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that most of the villages on "Malwa plateau'* in Western Madhya Pradesh are facing acute drinking water shortage because the sub-soil water level has receded alarmingly and most of the dug-wells and tube-wells have gone dry;

(b) if so, what steps Government pro>-pose to take for drilling deeper tubewells going to the depth of about 1000 feet instead of the usual depth of around 400 feet; and

(c) whether Government also propose to take steps to make enough number of drilling rigs available for this area for the above purpose?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI G. S. DHILLON): (a) No specific report has been received from the State Government about the acute drinking water shortage being faced by most of the villages on "Malwa plateau" in Western Madhya Pradesh. However, on account of deficient rainfall in most parts of the State, some areas are likely to face acute drinking water scarcity.

(b) The State Government has been advised to take up drilling works based on scientific source findings on the basis of landsat imageries prepared by Space Application Centre and surveys conducted by the Central Ground Water Board. The depth of the tubewells will vary in different areas depending upon the geology and the depth at which aquifer is available and other related factors.

(c) Yes, Sir. Apart from 123 rigs of various types already available with the State Government, the Central Government has allowed the purchase of 3 DTH and one combination rig for use in the current drought affected 'areas of the state.

Construction of H«steb for Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe Students

*477. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALA VI YA; Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for the construction of hostels for Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe students, including girl students in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (DR. RAIENDRA KUMARI BAIPAI); (a) There is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme of construction of girls' hostels for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes. The proposals from the State Governments of Bihar and Uttar Pradesh under this scheme for the year 1987-88 has not been received. There is no such Centrally Sponsored Scheme for construction of Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe boys hostels.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Gandhamardan Bauxite Project

*478. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA. KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA:

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state;

(a) what are the reasons for not taking-speedy decision to start work in Gandhamardan area in spite of the Expert Committee's report for resumption of mining operations by the BALCO;

(b) when the operation was stopped and what were the reasons for such stop-

(c) the total amount spent so far without performing any work since the date of stoppage; and

(d) how much quantity of Bauxite was raised during the period of operation?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI M. L. FOTEDAR): (a) to (d) From December, 1985, the work on Gandhamardan Bauxite Project of Bharat Aluminium Company Limited (BALCO) was held up due to agitation by the local people and for want of final environmental clearance. The Expert Committee headed by Dr. B. D. Nagchaudhuri was appointed by the Government of India on 5th September, 1986, to study in depth, the impact of the proposed development of Gandhamardan Bauxite Deposits in Orissa on ecology and enviion-ment, including *inter-alia* the water falls, streams, medicinal herbs, temples and the tribal population. The Committee submitted its report on 29th January, 1987. The report of the Committee is under active consideration of the Government and environmental clearance is yet to be accorded.

A total amount of about Rs. 25 crores has already been spent upto July, 1987 on the Project and that includes an amount of Rs. 5.78 crores spent during the period of stoppage of work.

There has been no mining operations. However, about 70,000 tonnes of bauxite was recovered from the excavation? done for the foundation of the Crusher Plant.

Inter State Bus Terminals

*479. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:
SHRI LAL K. ADVANI

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state;

(a) whether the draft Plan for 'Delhi Perspective 2001' envisaged the requirement of 5 new inter-State bus terminals;

(b) when was this draft plan submitted;

(c) on how many terminals work has